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KHRUSHCHEV — HEAD OF STATE

The head of state in Russia, as recognized in recent years has been chev was coming to Washington not only as head of his country's government, but as the head of state, is interesting.

The head of state in Russia, as recognized in recentyears, has been Marshall Klimenty Voroshilov. Voroshilov is chairman of the Presidium, and iterpretations of the Soviet Constitution, by Stalin and others, have stressed that the "head of state" function in Russia is carried out by the Presidium.

The Soviet Constitution specifies that the "high organ of state power" is the Supreme Soviet, the country's legislative body. But in Article 49 of that Constitution, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet is assigned responsibilities usually performed by the heads of state.

In recent years, the chairman of the Presidium, now Marshall Voroshilov, has received foreign diplomatic envoys, and carried out other functions as the head of state. The interesting thing about Khrushchev's assumption of the "head of state" ranking is that he is not even a member of the Presidium.

The inescapable conclusion from the announcement, however, is that Khrushchev's power is, and has been, growing in Russia, and that he is the absolute boss, capable of doing just about anything he wishes to do.

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REFLECTION ON HITLER

In these times of international tension and cold war, it is only natural that we think back to the war between Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin, and reappraise our participation in that great conflict.

The collision of the German and Russian armies in June, 1941, was perhaps the greatest collision of great modern armies in the history of the world. If one will remember, Hitler crushed Poland in the fall of 1939, starting World War II, and then occupied Denmark and Norway, in a lightning campaign in April, 1940.

The next month, on May 10, 1940, he invaded Belgium, Holland, and France, had received a French surrender, and had run the British off the continent by late June—in just six weeks. For a time the world expected Hitler to invade England, but subsequent reports, uncovered documents of military conferences, and studies of Hitler, have convinced most experts that he never was very eager to invade Great Britain. Rather, he hoped that Britain would sue for peace, for Hitler maintained a firm resolve, in his mind, to look to the East for Germany's expanded living area. The East meant Russia.

Later information reveals that Hitler gave up any notion of invading England, if he had held it seriously at all, by the early fall of 1940, and was already redeploying his troops in the East. Diaries and records also show that had he not been called upon to bail out his ally, Mussolini, in Greece, which Mussolini had attacked, he would have opened his offensive against the Russians on May 15th. As it was, he had to conduct the military campaign in the Balkans, subdue Yugoslavia, and crush Greece, and was not able to begin his attack on Russia until the later part of June.

That six weeks' delay is thought by some experts to have been decisive, because Hitler reached the outskirts of Moscow in December, 1940, but the winter caught him and stalled his armies before the Russian capital could be captured. This, in turn allowed the Allies to feed supplies and equipment to the Russians during the winter, and Hitler was never able to strike them with the suprise effectiveness and superiority with which he had opened his campaign in 1940.

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The trouble with most interviews is that a man rarely says what he really thinks.

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The world is populated with people willing to tell everybody how important they are.

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People who talk about religion all the time often fail to understand its true meaning.

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It is peculiar, but the well-to-do often seem more reluctant than the poor to contribute to a public benefit.

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Businesses succeed when somebody attends to the small details that the average boss is too busy to fool with.

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Most any community of individuals can get along if it has some unselfish leaders.

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Things can always be worse. Thirty years from now speeders will crash in the sky and fall on pedestrians.

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A sign of wisdom is one's willingness to listen and learn.

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A lot of good, solid, patriotic Americans are to be found in the small towns and rural areas of this great nation.

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A leader is a man who gets things done, not a man whose ability is expressed in criticising what others have done.

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Promise of Peace

Lesson for September 20, 1959

THINGS HAVE become badly confused when "peace" seems to be a bad word. Believe it or not, there are people in the United States who think that any one interested in peace is a communist. That is not only bad logic, but it plays into the hands of the real communists. Their constant bad word for us is "war-mongers." A people who want war and will do anything to start one. This is not true of us as a nation, and yet people who turn against the notion of peace are certainly giving ammunition to anybody who likes to call us a bloodthirsty nation.

Dr. Foreman

"With a Whirlwind"

The great prophets of the Old Testament did not admire war. They looked on it as something brought on by sin. One passage from Zechariah is a sample (7:8-12). God had an ideal for his people, a life of justice, kindness and mercy. But the Israelites would not hear, and so God "scattered them with a whirlwind . . ." As we know from the Old Testament histories, this whirlwind, the instrument of God's wrath, his punishment on a nation that would not obey—this was nothing other than the wards which ended the Hebrew kingdoms. And the Hebrews, as the stories show, had chiefly themselves to blame for getting into those wars. Most of the recorded history of the two kingdoms of Judah and Israel is a history of wars, long or short. Very few of them did the Hebrews any good, and in the end it was war which, like a tornado, left their homes in ruins and blew them like straw across the face of the earth.

Ideal City

But the storm of war was not the last word of God to Israel. The prophet Zechariah, preaching in a time when Jerusalem was only just beginning to rise from the ashes of more than half a century of desolation, looks forward and promises in God's name a new and different kind of city. He draws no blueprints; but it is plainly a city of peace. This is not a foreview of heaven; it is a picture of the ideal city right here on this earth. It is to be called "the faithful city," that is, faithful to the laws of God. That covers everything; but Zechariah puts in some particulars.

Old men and old women will be sitting in the streets, and children will be playing there. (Remember the ancient type of city had no parks and no open space except the market-place; and there was no traffic except of very slow animals and people.) This you would not see in war time. In that era the aged and the very young and the weak simply died off in war times; only in times of peace would they be out there in large numbers.

How Peace Comes

Now children and old people do not make peace, they simply enjoy it. It is the middle-aged, the active influential people who do most either for peace or against it. So the prophet Zechariah addresses the great mass of the people about peace and prosperity (8:12). He speaks of "sowing" prosperity, and then goes on to put this figure of speech into very plain words. What are the seeds? He goes on, still in the name of God: "These are the things that you shall do . . ." If we want peace and prosperity, God will not drop them into our laps. He expects us to plan and prepare for peace just as we plan and prepare for a crop of apples. No man can raise an apple without the help of Nature (or, rather, of God).

So while God's ideal for the human world is a world at peace, there are certain conditions to be met. The seeds of peace have to be sown. Zechariah (8:16-17) names some specific things: truth and justice in particular. To say that war is the effect of sin is only half the truth. The other half is that peace is the fruit of public and private goodness. The most enduring peace is not an accident, it is not manna from the sky. It is a crop reaped by those who have worked hard sowing and cultivating the things that "are true and make for peace."

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Washington Notes

Mining Industry Plan

A plan to try reviving the mine industries in this country has been recommended by the House.

By a recent voice vote the House sent a resolution to the Senate that asks the President:

1. To review present Government programs and see if ways can be found to make them more effective in increasing mineral production and employment.

2. To recommend any legislation needed to change the present programs.

Change in Dam Name?

The name of Roosevelt Dam in Arizona would be changed to Theodore Roosevelt Dam under a Senate-passed bill approved by the House Interior Committee recently.

The dam was completed in 1911 and named Roosevelt Dam in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt. In recent years, however, there has been some confusion about which Roosevelt is honored by the dam, since President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's name also has been associated with reclamation projects.

Wins Fair Prize

Senator Morse (D., Ore.) recently skipped away from the Capitol for three hours and attended the Montgomery County Fair at Gaithersburg, Md.

Morse found that his herd of Devon cattle had won the fair's top honors. The trip, the Senator said later, "put me in fine fettle to wind up the debate on the labor bill."

May Call Special Session

President Eisenhower has told Republican leaders he may call Congress back into special session this fall if it fails to lift the interest ceiling on Government Bonds.

The President also has made it clear to the party chieftans he will consider such a session call if Congress sets foreign aid funds below what he regards as a minimum level for national security.

Castro Won't See Envoy

United States Ambassador Philip Bonsal has been trying to see Prime Minister Castro, of Cuba for almost three months. So far, Castro hasn't been available.

Lincoln White, State Department press officer, reported this recently. He said Bonsal's last meeting with Castro was June 9.

"He has been seeking another apointment since then," White added.

Maps Inflation Battle

The American Banker's Association has announced [illegible] aimed at putting [illegible] without inflation.

The program, [illegible] tion — fast, [illegible] and, subsequently, [illegible] public [illegible] fluence inflation.

State Tax Cuts

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Cotton Deficit

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Pamplin

. . . Pamplin, Sept. 15.- Mr. and Mrs. John Buscemi and children, of Richmond, were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Canada.

Mrs. W. B. Ford left Sunday for Fredericksburg, where she will spend several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McCauley.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Lizzie P. Robinson were Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples, and son, Wilson, of Evergreen; Dr. and Mrs. Southall and sons, Rixey III, and Frank Howard, of Louisa.

Miss Barbara Kay Staples, of Evergreen spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton and C. W. Jr. attended a group reunion at County Line Christian Church, Pittsylvania County, Sunday.

Miss Joann Williams, of Martinsville spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. F. C. Miller and children, of Middlesex County, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Health and Beauty

This is a continuation of last week's column on weight control. First, we would like to state flatly that there are no short cuts to weight reduction that are, at the same time, unharmful to your body.

The sales of reducing tablets have reached an all-time high, so high in fact, that it has come to the attention of responsible government officials and may be investigated by Congress. It seems there is no really effective and safe tablet to destroy the human appetite.

There are also endless mechanical devices on the market-some claiming to be a boon to the overweight. This is another case of pie in the sky reasoning. Some of these devices are excellent for promoting good circulation and will firm the flesh and, where used along with diet, will actually enable one to lose inches in desired spots.

Added weight is fat that has been deposited in the tissues. This excess fat must be burned by the body to make it disappear. There is one way to do this — reducing the intake of food to such an extent that the body must call upon the stored fat to obtain its energy requirements.

Weight reducing tablets and candies can only discourage appetite. Some tablets impart a sense of well-being and, if the person involved is a compulsive eater—they may help his problem. However, as soon as the tablets are discontinued the same old desire to eat returns — and most often the excess weight returns.

Failure to lose weight can almost always be traced to lack of will power in some and ignorance of the number of calories found in certain foods in others.

The habit of sneak tidbits during the day may add hundreds of calories. Sauces, spreads and starches and fried foods are loaded with hidden calories. As we mentioned last week, cocktails are death to a dieter. The habit of eating just a little fat with your meat is another pitfall.

Just remember, that achieving a normal size and maintaining it is usually a lifetime job. However, it is one that will pay off in good health and an increased span of prime of life.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Do you remember the lightning count?

Does it really tell you how far away the lightning bolt was?

When you see a bolt of lightning and do not hear thunder, begin a second-count and note the number of seconds until you hear the thunder. Divide this number by five and you have the distance of the lightning.

This is an infallible rule and is based on the knowledge that sounds travels only a fifth of a mile per second. Therefore it takes five seconds for the sound to travel a mile, even though you immediately see the flash, even at some distance.

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